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**FDA STAFF MANUAL GUIDES, VOLUME I - ORGANIZATIONS AND
FUNCTIONS**

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF GLOBAL REGULATORY OPERATIONS AND POLICY

OFFICE OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE, PACIFIC REGION, OAKLAND, CA

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT OFFICE - IRVINE, CA

Effective Date: 08/07/2012

1. LOS ANGELES DISTRICT OFFICE – IRVINE, CA (DLLRPA).

- A. Provides managerial direction to that portion of the Agency's field programs assigned to the District to achieve compliance with the laws and regulations for which the District is responsible through appropriate voluntary correction or regulatory action.
- B. Manages resource allocations, money, and people and evaluates use of the resources to assure program accomplishments
- C. Conducts investigations and inspections and analyzes samples of foods, drugs, and other commodities for which the Agency has regulatory responsibility.
- D. Determines the acceptability of items, subject to the Agency's jurisdiction, for entry into this country through examination of available records, product inspection, or, by sampling and laboratory examination of the product followed by release, detention, and/or rejection.
- E. Conducts administrative hearings on alleged violations and initiates appropriate enforcement action.
- F. Recommends legal action to Headquarters, to the Office of the Chief Counsel or to the responsible U.S. attorney (when such direct reference is authorized), and assists in implementing approved action.
- G. Provides analytical and inspectional support in programs for which the

Agency has responsibility.

- H. Manages and evaluates program activities, measures accomplishments against annual field workplan objectives, initiates management and program analyses, manages a quality assurance program, and advises the Regional Food and Drug Director regarding strategy changes needed to reach existing or modified objectives.
- I. Develops short-and long-range workplans, staffing needs, and budgetary proposals for the District's assigned portion of nationwide and regional programs.
- J. Advises the Regional Food and Drug Director and appropriate Headquarters components on new or emerging problems and trends, future program needs and priorities, State legislative activities, manpower, equipment, financial needs, and long-range planning.
- K. Manages, evaluates, and audits the program aspects of Federal-State contracts.
- L. Manages an equal employment opportunity and career development and training program.
- M. Conducts consumer affairs and information programs; receives and responds to consumer inquiries and complaints. →
- N. Coordinates emergency activities by maintaining liaison with other Federal agencies and by providing assistance to States and localities in the event of a national disaster or other emergency.
- O. Prepares and arranges programs local media presentations to advise consumers and health officials about Agency responsibilities and activities and maintains liaison with consumers, professional organizations, and academia.
- P. Provides formal mechanisms for receiving consumer input into Agency planning and priority-setting systems.
- Q. Receives and responds to consumer inquiries.
- R. Plans, schedules, and controls consumer affairs operations; and formulates, coordinates, and implements consumer affairs workplans to carry out both local and national program.
- S. Provides management support for program and operational activities, including all phases of personnel management, financial management,

and management of facilities, services, property, and supplies.

- T. Maintains working liaison with other Federal offices providing support services to the Agency.
- U. Conducts the equal opportunity, internal security, safety and emergency preparedness programs.

2. COMPLIANCE BRANCH (DLLRPA2).

- A. Reviews and evaluates evidence and findings indicating a possible lack of compliance with Agency-enforced laws and regulations; determines the most suitable course of action and, if necessary, recommends legal action to Headquarters, to the Office of the Chief Counsel, or to the responsible U.S. attorney; and maintains working liaison with the U.S. attorneys and U.S. marshals in implementing approved action.
- B. Ensures court-ordered actions are completed on time and in total fulfillment of the court's order.
- C. Conducts administrative hearings on alleged violations and initiates enforcement action.
- D. Issues warning letters to regulated industry appropriate to violative conditions found.
- E. Answers inquiries from other Federal agencies, foreign missions, and industry regarding interpretations of Agency-enforced laws and regulations, case status, and enforcement policies.
- F. Assists State and local cooperative officials in the development of uniform legislation, codes, and regulations. Advises cooperative officials on interpretation of Federal laws, regulations and enforcement policies, and provides consultation relative to joint regulatory approaches.
- G. Plans, organizes, and implements, in cooperation with other field components, comprehensive industry education, training, and technical advice programs designed to promote voluntary compliance and self regulation by industries and industry associations, research institutions, and professional practitioners.
- H. Institutes and coordinates detentions and refusals of violative products offered for import.
- I. Directs a freedom of information program consistent with Agency policy.

3. IMPORT OPERATIONS BRANCH (DLLRPA5).

- A. Responsible for the conduct of all field operations involving imported commodities being offered through entry ports of Los Angeles, and San Pedro.
- B. Reviews entry documents. Inspects imported commodities and establishments associated with imported commodities subject to laws and regulations enforced by the Agency. Collects samples for analysis; performs field examinations; conducts criminal investigations; and prepares reports on findings of each inspection, investigation and examination.
- C. Evaluates inspection and analytical findings relative to compliance or noncompliance, initiates appropriate follow-up operations, such as reconditioning, reprocessing, segregation, and relabeling, and determines extent to which of these follow-up operations have resolved noncompliance.
- D. Performs special investigations associated with imported commodities; including reports of adverse experience with imported Agency-regulated products; and performs epidemiological investigations involving imported commodities subject to Agency-enforced laws and regulations. Prepares and provides evidence of inspectional findings as appropriate.
- E. Provides inspectional and investigational support to the Headquarters components as needed.
- F. Plans, schedules, and controls inspectional operations; and formulates, implements, and coordinates domestic and import investigational workplans.
- G. Provides counsel and training regarding inspectional techniques and technical developments to other Federal agencies; to State, local, and foreign counterpart agencies; and to industry under the District's voluntary compliance efforts.
- H. Maintains cooperative relationships with State and local counterpart agencies and develops work and information sharing agreements..
- I. Prepares and provides evidence of investigational findings as requested.
- J. Detains medical devices and, in cooperation with USDA, detains meat, poultry, or egg products that may be violative.
- K. Maintains liaison with U.S. Customs officials to facilitate investigations and

sampling of articles being imported or offered for import.

Resident Posts: Los Angeles Airport (DLLRPA5A); Ontario, CA - Import (DLLRPA5B)

Inspects establishments subject to laws and regulations enforced by the Agency; conducts special investigations; collects samples for analysis; performs field analyses; and prepares reports on findings of each inspection and/or investigation. Maintains cooperative relationships with State and local counterpart agencies and develops work and information sharing agreements. Presents consumer education and information program to schools and other organizations.

4. DOMESTIC INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH (DLLRPA6).

- A. Inspects establishments subject to laws and regulations enforced by the Agency; collects samples for analysis; performs field examinations; and prepares reports on findings of each inspection.
- B. Evaluates inspectional and analytical findings relative to compliance or noncompliance and recommends appropriate follow up. Makes recommendations to other District Offices when regulatory action is indicated.
- C. Performs special investigations, including District responsibilities under the Government-wide Quality Assurance Program; investigates reports of adverse experience with any Agency-regulated product; and performs epidemiological investigations of food poisonings and premarketing clearance investigations of drugs and devices.
- D. Monitors recalls and performs follow-up activities to assess recall effectiveness and prevent recurrences.
- E. Provides inspectional and investigational support to the Headquarters components as needed.
- F. Plans, schedules, and controls inspectional operations; and formulates, implements, and coordinates domestic and import investigational workplans.
- G. Provides counsel and training regarding inspectional techniques and technical developments to other Federal agencies; to State, local, and foreign counterpart agencies; and to industry under the District's voluntary compliance efforts.
- H. Maintains cooperative relationships with State and local counterpart

agencies and develops work and information sharing agreements.

- I. Manages, evaluates, and audits the program aspects of Federal-State contracts.
- J. Prepares and provides evidence of investigational findings as requested.
- K. Detains medical devices and, in cooperation with USDA, detains meat, poultry, or egg products that may be violative.
- L. Receives and responds to consumer complaints.

Resident Posts: Woodland Hills, CA (DLLRPA6B); San Diego, CA (DLLRPA6C); Tucson, AZ (DLLRPA6D); Tempe, AZ (DLLRPA6E); Ontario, CA - Domestic (DLLRPA6F)

Inspects establishments subject to laws and regulations enforced by the Agency; conducts special investigations; collects samples for analysis; performs field analyses; and prepares reports on findings of each inspection and/or investigation. Maintains cooperative relationships with State and local counterpart agencies and develops work and information sharing agreements. Presents consumer education and information program to schools and other organizations.

5. AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The functional statements for this District Office were approved by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, effective August 7, 2012.

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The following is the Food and Drug Administration, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Regional Field Office, Pacific Region, Oakland, CA, Los Angeles District Office, Irvine, CA organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Office of the Director.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT OFFICE, IRVINE, CA:

- Compliance Branch
- Domestic Investigations Branch
- Import Operations Branch